the conditions for the entrance examination irrespective of the marks secured for degree examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) 15 per cent of seats are reserved for SC and 7.5 per cent for ST candidates. The admision is however subject to the candidates qualifying the written test and interview. Relaxation of 5 per cent of marks is allow to SC/ST candidates while determining their eligibility for admission to the entrance examination. Further, 5 percent over the marks obtained in the entrance examination is added in case of SC/ST candidates while determining theid eligibility for interview.

The number of SC/ST candidates who were offered admision during the last three years is as follows:

1984-85	.....	12
1985-86	.....	13
1986-87	.....	6

All the candidates belonging to SC/ST who qualified in the written entrance test were offered admissions.

Returning of Aids Labelled African Students

1113. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Kenyan students who had been labelled AIDS carriors after undergoing the test in India have been cleared through subsequent examination conducted by experts from the World Health Organisation; and

(b) if so, how do the Government justify the accuracy of AIDS test in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPRADE): (a) The Government have not received so far any such finding or report from World Health Organisation.

(b) The question does not arise.

Financial grant to retired sports persons

1114. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of eligible and retired sports persons drawn financial benefits from Government during 1985-86;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no Government agency to look into the financial needs of retired sports persons after their outstanding performance in national and international sports events and no financial help is granted to them unless they apply for it or the media project their abject financial plight; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute a committee to recommend cases of genuinely deserving retired sports persons for financial grant?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have in operation the National Welfare Fund for sportspersons with a view to rendering, according to set criteria, financial assistance to eligible sportspersons and their families facing financial hardship. Outstanding sportspersons, who are no longer active in sports, are also eligible to receive financial assistance under the scheme if they fulfil other eligibility criteria. As in other schemes of the Government, the eligible sportspersons or their families are expected to apply for financial assistance according